



Homeland
Security

May 17, 2011

Mr. Jason Smathers
C/o MuckRock
185 Beacon Street, #3
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: **DHS/OS/PRIV 11-0763**

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated and received on April 28, 2011. You are seeking a copy of all reports of significant FOIA activity received from all DHS component FOIA office by the DHS Privacy Office in March of 2011.

A search for documents responsive to your request produced a total of 31 pages. Of those pages, I have determined that 28 pages of the records are releasable in their entirety and three pages are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), FOIA Exemptions 6.

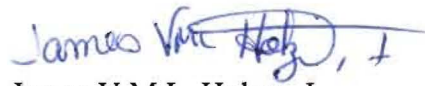
FOIA Exemption 6 exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: Associate General Counsel (General Law), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C. 20528, following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. In this instance, because the cost is below the \$14 minimum, there is no charge. 6 CFR § 5.11(d)(4).

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 11-0763**.
This office can be reached at 1- 866-431-0486 or 703-235-0790.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James V.M.L. Holzer, I". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "J" and a distinct "I" at the end.

James V.M.L. Holzer, I
Acting Associate Director of Disclosure
and FOIA Operations

Enclosures: As stated, 31 pages